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THE INITIATIVE AND THE REFERENDUM.

The constitution makers over in New Mexico are experiencing some trouble just upon the eve of discarding their tribal relations and assuming the dignity that statehood will bestow upon them. The democrats are insistent that the initiative and referendum be recorded as a part of the constitutional law. The republican bosses, however, say the people are not fit to govern, and are opposing, with all the energy at their command, a measure that appears to meet the approval of a large number of thinking men of our sister state. In Arizona, too, the people are discussing the advisability of embracing the initiative and referendum. But these discussions are, as they should be, of a pleasant nature between democrats, republicans and socialists, with a view to ascertaining whether or not such a provision in the constitution would prove healthful to the commonwealth. The PROSPECTOR hopes for the best for New Mexico, to attain which we would advise the elimination of inuendo and heated acrimony; do as Arizona will—send your best men to the constitutional convention, and they will create for you a document that will be a reflex of the intelligence of the great southwest.

Aviators, we should say are those who lead the higher life.

One "ism" the republicans continue to stand for is hypochondria—by the bosses.

The Daily Globe observes: "Los Angeles should have used its recall on Jeff before the Reno fight. He might have 'come back.'"

Hon. William Jennings Bryan met his first reverse in his own party last week. Surely there is more sting in the ingratitudes of a party than in a serpent's tooth.

A lad has been expelled from West Point for lying. How long would it take to depopulate the earth if men were hanged for the same thing?

Mr. Rockefeller is going to make restitution of a fortune to the brother with whom he quarreled. Now is the time to lay in a stock of kerosene before the rise.

The final count of the cost of King Edward's funeral is \$200,000, by which it is evident that they bury a king in England on a much smaller expenditure than is required in this country to lay out an ex-champion.

DOUGLAS IS FAVORITE FOR MINING CONGRESS.

It is almost a forgone conclusion that Douglas is to have the 1911 Mining Congress. A more appropriate meeting place for the Congress could not be conceived. Situated in the center of the richest and most diversified mining region in the world, with many furnaces turning out the precious metals, with ample railroad facilities and hotel accommodations second to none, the Smelter City stands without a rival as to capacity for entertaining men who will weigh carefully the momentous questions coming up before that body of deep thinkers. The PROSPECTOR is pleased to observe a unanimity of sentiment favoring Douglas for the 1911 Mining Congress, believing that existing conditions in the city, together with the many rich producing mines adjacent, will serve as inspiration to those who may assemble to discuss methods looking forward to the advancement of the mining industry.

According to the Boston News Bureau, one bank in Kansas holds fifty-two real estate mortgages, the money raised in this way all going for the purchase of automobiles. It is also reported that in Missouri and a comparatively small territory surrounding the total borrowed in this way for the purpose of buying autos is \$15,000,000. What it amounts to in the entire country cannot be estimated. In view of this condition, western bankers are reported to have agreed to "lend no money to borrowers who propose to use it in buying motor cars."

It was at first feared that there would not be enough patriots ready to take up the duties of writing a constitution and that it might be necessary to send for outside help. It was even rumored that Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Beveridge, and other eminent statesmen, might have to be called in to fill the gap. Recent events indicate, however, that those fears were groundless. From every canyon and cañon plain in the territory men have hurried to the rescue and at least a thousand constitutions have already been written. The trouble that now threatens is, that there will be so many different kinds of constitutions handed to the delegates that they will be unable to make a choice.

While it is true that newspaper men don't get very big salaries, there is no vocation in which the prospects for big things are greater. Mrs. Hartje, with absolute divorce and \$100,000 a year, is to marry a reporter.

A novel way of instructing the people regarding the dangerous housefly is that being taken up in Eastern cities by presenting all the habits and peculiarities of the insect in moving pictures.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST CONDENSED.

Residents of Mesa and farmers in the vicinity gathered Monday at Drexel's Park to celebrate the sixty-third anniversary of the Mormon pioneers at Salt Lake. Nearly all the business houses, even those of Gentiles, were closed. Speeches, prayers, and songs by the tabernacle choir were features of the celebration at the park. A children's dance was held in the afternoon, and the day closed with a grand ball.

Staggering into the Douglas city hall, bleeding profusely from a deep gash in the throat, Anselmo Martini, a Mexican, claimed he had been the victim of a murderous assault at the hands of a "police" in Agua Prieta. Marshal John Igo took the man to the Calumet hospital, where the wound was dressed. According to Martini he was visiting across the line Thursday evening, and in passing one of the saloons became embroiled in an argument with the policeman who, in the midst of a heated discussion, drew a knife and made a vicious lunge, inflicting a deep wound in the Mexican's throat. Unable to obtain assistance in town, he came back to Douglas and reported the assault to the local authorities.

At an inquest held over the remains of James Christopher, who was so severely injured at the Old Dominion mine at Globe that he died, the jury brought in a verdict attaching the blame to the Old Dominion Copper Mining and Smelting company. Christopher was employed as a miner by this company, and was injured by falling down an open ore chute.

The Jerome city council has a good piece of work under way in the laying of the large pipe from in front of the Boyd hotel to a point opposite the Grand Central lodging house. There has always been more or less trouble at this point on occasions of heavy storms, but this pipe will carry away any average volume of water.

James Lewis, one of the pioneer residents of Gila county, died at his ranch home northeast of Globe, after suffering for five years with catarrh of the stomach. Lewis was born in Wales 63 years ago, and came to Arizona over 35 years ago.

Property damage to the extent of several thousand dollars, with several casualties narrowly averted, was the result of a terrific rain and wind storm which visited Globe yesterday. The storm raged for an hour. The smokestacks of the Dealers Ice and Cold Storage company were blown down, wrecking the building.

A Prescott dispatch of the 25th says: Hoval A. Smith, of Bisbee, has resigned as chairman of the territorial central committee of the republican party, and as his successor Albert A. Sames, a well known attorney of Douglas was named. The probable retirement of Smith had been rumored for several months.

Pomeroy Bros. & Hastings, of which firm M. L. Pomeroy of Globe is a member, has practically closed all arrangements for the purchase and erection of a cement plant at Winkelman and it is probable that active steps will be taken in that direction within a very short time.

The "juice" coming from the Roosevelt power house was absent for about half an hour yesterday morning, during which time the wheels of progress came to an abrupt and disconcerting standstill. A message from headquarters contained the information that the stoppage was caused by a large quantity of fish clogging the intake pipe at the power house.

General Manager Hinchcliffe of the Consolidated Telephone company, announces the purchase of eleven miles of aerial cables for Tucson. This is the first step toward "blocking" the system in that city. Ultimately all wires belonging to the Consolidated company in Tucson are to be replaced by cables, thus enhancing the appearance of the streets to a marked degree. Tucson business men are progressive in pushing forward their city, and it is fortunate that their operating corporations vie with them in these laudable aspirations.

For the purpose of arranging a target range at Wilcox for the practice shoots which are to be inaugurated in the near future, the Tucson Rifle Club is to hold a meeting. The target range will include a rifle butland pits. The butts are thought necessary as a

measure of safety, inasmuch as the bullets from the new army rifles will carry two miles, causing possible loss of life without such protection.

Since the election of Dr. F. T. Wright as president of the Douglas Country Club, steps are about to be taken in the direction of beautifying those grounds, and to that end a landscape gardener will be employed and the desert in and about the Copper City made to blossom.

Distress growing out of the storm at Bisbee last Friday is becoming more manifest. Miss Cummings, charity worker, in whose hands is distribution of relief, is besieged by numerous applicants. As each applicant appears his name is taken, questions asked, and he is told to return next day. In the meantime the worthiness of the applicant is under investigation. At a recent meeting held jointly between the relief and charity committees an appropriation of funds amounting to \$500 was made between twenty-one families.

A telephone line 28 miles long, extending from Rosemont to the De la Canos ranch, is just being completed by the forest service in Tucson. It is a government line constructed for the use of the forestry bureau in connecting the ranger stations at Rosemont and De la Canos with Tucson. The line has been building since May 15. Ranchers along the line may be permitted to hitch on to the line free of charge. The prime reason for conducting the telephone line is that a vast amount of routine business, heretofore carried on by letter, can be handled over the wire.

An unidentified freight brakeman was crushed to death beneath a Santa Fe train near Beligman a few days ago. His death was not discovered until the mangled form of the man was discovered by a passenger train which followed the freight.

The Prescott district was visited by a severe hailstorm Tuesday. Stones as large as small eggs were reported, and considerable loss was occasioned by the storm.

As the result of a runaway in Globe Frank Shute, Will Kellner and Alton Grabe were injured. The youths were driving a horse to a buggy, when the animal became frightened and ran away.

The Bisbee Light and Power company has succeeded in repairing its gas mains, following the recent flood, and the residents of that city are again supplied with fuel.

Twelve-year-old William Rawson of Mesa, who disappeared several days ago, has been arrested on a charge of horse stealing and is in jail at Phoenix. The youth will probably be sent to the reform school, as he is said to be incorrigible.

As yet no action has been taken in the assault of a street car motorman by Al Christensen. The matter will probably be dropped, as witnesses claim the wrestler acted only after considerable provocation.

The Mesa board of school trustees has awarded a contract to Olson & Co. of Bisbee for the erection of a new grammar school building. The building will cost about \$16,000.

The territorial fair commission has barred the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures from the amusement concessions at the coming fair.

Large quantities of tomatoes grown by dry farming methods have been brought to Tucson by J. R. Nager, Fred Harris and George Harris from the Hero ranch, 28 miles southwest of that city. The tomatoes were grown by community farming on the part of the organization of about fifteen families in the Mormon colony.

A movement is on foot in Douglas to organize a national guard, following the receipt of a communication from Adjutant General L. W. Coggin stating that Company G of Buckeye will be mustered out of service in about 30 days, thereby creating a vacancy in the regiment.

Reports have reached Douglas of a Mexican uprising against Chinese laborers at Yaqui, a small settlement near Guaymas, Sonora. It is stated that the Chinese and their families were ruthlessly murdered. Troops were ordered from Guaymas, it is reported, and 16 of the murderers were captured by the rurales.

What seemed for a short time to be a serious mine disaster, happened in the Holbrook shaft at Bisbee when fire and smoke broke out in an old stope which was gubbed up two years ago. The fire originated in old timbers and the sulphur that was in

the gob. Soon after its discovery the general superintendent had mechanics lying water mains to the scene of the fire, from the numerous water pipes of the company's fire system on the surface. Miners were also set to work building temporary bulkheads of canvas and tar, in order to shut off all draft. The fire started in what is known 38-29, on the 100 level.

A fire at the residence of Henry Mellich, on West Congress street, Tucson, was caused by a lamp explosion and extinguished with a garden hose at a loss of \$5. No one was in the house at the time the lamp exploded, but a passerby saw the fire. The department made a quick run.

According to meager reports which have reached Prescott, Edward Casper was killed and Joe Peruna was injured in the White Cloud mine a few days ago. It is supposed that the crosshead fell upon the men when the cable broke.

F. B. Moson of the Greene Cattle company speaks most hopefully of the condition of the range since the recent rains. The cattle had been badly run down in poor condition owing to the prolonged dry season, and the outlook for fall cattle was anything but bright. Already an improvement can be seen in their appearance.

According to advices received in Phoenix from G. P. Bullard, who is now in Los Angeles, about 20 cars will enter the desert auto race from the Angel City to Phoenix. The race will be pulled off at fair time.

Although crippled by the recent fire in Phoenix, which swept out its entire establishment, the Redwell Piano company is already on its feet and expects to be running smoothly in a short time. New pianos were received within 24 hours after the fire.

Frank Minter, a boy who was injured at Mesa some time ago by the explosion of a dynamite cap, will lose the sight of one eye. A small piece of metal has completely destroyed the optic nerve.

To alleviate the cravings of the inner man, a stranger ordered an expensive meal in a Bisbee cafe without the wherewithal to pay the bill. He will do ten days in jail.

A petition is being circulated in Mesa asking that all pool rooms be closed on Sundays. The petition is meeting with considerable protest.

Dr. R. A. Alton has been held in answer to the grand jury in Phoenix on a charge of practicing without a license. He claims he will fight the case to a finish.

Located in West Virginia, after a lengthy search, S. W. Sandolph has been brought back to Tucson on a charge of obtaining \$30 in that city on a forged money order. The charge will be investigated by the federal grand jury.

"I expect that the new county hospital and poor farm building will be completed and ready for occupancy by the middle of August. The contractors, Bowers & Cotty of Bisbee, are now hurrying the finish work and if there is no unexpected cause of delay the work will all be done by August 15 and perhaps a few days earlier." Thus spoke M. E. Torpey, superintendent of construction on the new buildings. The work now being done is all in the interior except the painting of the exterior. The building when completed will cost \$28,000.

A Mexican burglar was caught with the goods on him at Douglas. The man stands accused of entering the house of C. H. Weber, who lives 14 miles up the valley, and with a companion who was with him at the time of the arrest, was landed in the city jail.

"Tucson, the Sportsman's Paradise." This is the title of an attractive booklet which the chamber of commerce has issued. The edition is limited, and therefore the booklet is not for general distribution, but will be chiefly sent to foreign parties making inquiries about Tucson and vicinity.

The work of capping three and one-half miles of the territorial highway south from Phoenix has been started by the Johnson-Shea company. The surfacing will be one with decomposed granite.

The difficulties which arose a few days ago between the Overland Telephone company and its line men at Phoenix and resulted in a strike, have been satisfactorily adjusted, according to President John Fox, and the men have returned to work. The basis of the agreement has not been disclosed.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Vienne Orchestra will give a dance at the Gage Hall Friday night after the show. The orchestra will be increased to four members and will furnish better music than ever.

The Wickenburg Miner states that a smelter, first-class and modern in every respect, will be built by the Monarch company near there this fall. The contract for the material has been awarded to the United States Sulphide Smelter Furnace company of Toledo, Ohio.

The Globe Silver Belt is advertising "Geronimo Melons." We trust they will not give the people who buy them as much trouble as the original Geronimo formerly gave.

Clarence Smith was an outgoing passenger for Los Angeles today on a month's vacation.

Mrs. Mae Joyce of Tombstone was married to Ernest Pinter at Santa Barbara, California, August 1. Mr. Pinter is insurance auditor with headquarters at Santa Barbara, while Mrs. Mae Joyce is well known here, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Marrs. The news of the marriage is a pleasant surprise to the friends of the bride here who join Tim Pinter in extending best wishes.

Ralph Johnson arrived yesterday from El Paso for an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson. Ralph is in the Southern Pacific train service between the Pass City and Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Mrs. J. A. Rockefeller and children are expected home about in two weeks from an extended sojourn in New York.

The Christian Endeavor Society will begin its regular Sunday evening meetings at the Congregational church beginning next Sunday, after being closed during the month of July.

A refreshing shower visited this city at about 12 o'clock last night.

Since the summer showers have set in, the surrounding hills have taken a beautiful coat of green, and everything looks nice and healthy in the gardens as well as in the valleys and on the mountains.

Judge Doan last evening sentenced Murdoch to three years at Florence, but granted a writ of habeas corpus and released the defendant on \$1000 bail, pending his next appearance in court.

Glendale, the infant city of Maricopa county, now has a city council that can legally proceed to do business. Clerk Thomas of the board of supervisors has issued certificates to Mayor A. W. Bennett, and Councilmen John D. Garber, John Marks, C. S. Gillette and John H. Tuckey.

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